

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 257

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A RESOLUTION to honor and commend Mario Montgomery for meritorious service.

WHEREAS, our nation was conceived by individuals who were willing to sacrifice their personal safety and concerns to ensure the safety of others, and the Volunteer State is especially proud to be the home of so many valiant young men and women who have put others before themselves; and

WHEREAS, thirteen-year-old Mario Montgomery is one such young person, who recently helped firefighters to save the life of a four-year-old child in Memphis; and

WHEREAS, on Spring Break from Cypress Junior High School, Mario was riding his bicycle with his friends, Danny Jackson and Markeet and Joseph Miller, when the boys noticed a thick smoke rising from the window of a neighbor's house; and

WHEREAS, the boys knocked on the doors of the house to see if anyone was home; having received no response, the boys rode their bicycles a half-mile to Fire Station 28, where they alerted firefighters of the emergency; and

WHEREAS, firefighters were able to put out the fire within minutes of their arrival on the scene, but only a few minutes later did they find the unconscious child in the house; he was soon transported to the hospital for treatment; and

WHEREAS, Mario, a sixth grader, enjoys art, especially drawing, and music, and his hobbies include riding his bicycle and playing his favorite sport, basketball; Mario also loves dogs; and

WHEREAS, he plans to be a policeman in the future, in order to continue to be able to help people; and

WHEREAS, Mario's unselfish act is a great source of pride for his mother, Ms. Doris Coleman, and he has earned the gratitude of his neighbors and friends; and

WHEREAS, Mario Montgomery and his friends acted selflessly and with great valor as they worked to ensure the safety of their neighbors, and they should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and commend Mario Montgomery of Memphis for his meritorious service and offer our thanks for his uncommon heroism.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.